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## **COCAINE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ANTHONY L. THOMAS, 31, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 180 months imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute cocaine. This case was the result of a four month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration (Indianapolis, New York, and Chicago), Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Postal Service, United States Marshals Service, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Metropolitan Drug Task Force, Indianapolis Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Hendricks County Sheriff's Department, Beech Grove Police Department and Indiana State Police.

Trial testimony established that THOMAS was an upper-level drug trafficker for a drug trafficking cell operated in Indianapolis by Prentice Greer. Trial testimony established that Greer's cocaine trafficking cell distributed approximately 50 kilograms of cocaine per month from 1998 through February, 2004.

According to Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed five years supervised release following THOMAS' release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, THOMAS must refrain from committing crimes, undergo random drug testing, and consent to the search of his person, vehicle, and residence. THOMAS was fined in the amount of \$2,000.

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